'Public Order' and 'police' being State subjects as per provisions of the Constitution of India, it is primarily for the State Governments to maintain law and order and take necessary steps to check communal violence. However, the Central Government assists the State Governments by sharing intelligence and also by providing Central Para-Military Forces as and when required by the States for maintaining law and order. The Central Government has also issued guidelines to the State Governments for promotion of communal harmony and prevention of communal violence. Further, financial assistance is provided to the State Governments by the Central Government for strengthening their policing infrastructure.

Persons under S.P.G. Security

1246. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons togetherwith the details of their categories covered presently under the S.P.G. security;

(b) the total month-wise and year-wise expenditure made thereon togetherwith the provision made for these expenditure; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for its reconsideration keeping in view the day to day increasing expenditure thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) At present SPG is responsible for providing proximate security to 29 individuals as per the provisions of the SPG Act 1988 as amended. However due to shortage of manpower, SPG has not yet been able to extend its cover to tour of them.

(b) The expenditure incurred by SPG during the last three years is as follow:

Period	Expenditure (IN LAKHS)
1993-94	1991.92
1994-95	2404.87
1995-96	3289.56

The average monthly expenditure during the current year from April 1996 to Jan, 1997 was about Rs. 205 lakhs per month.

(c) The security arrangements for SPG protectees remain under constant review.

Attack on Harijans and Rural Poors in Bihar

1247. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of incidents to attack on Harijans and the rural poors are taking place almost daily in Bihar;

(b) if so, whether there are ample proof of the uttar failure of the Bihar Government on law and order front; and

(c) if so, the remedial steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Bomb Blasts in the Country and Railway Trains

1248. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bomb blasts that took place in different parts of the country including railway trains during the last three months till date;